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A Century of Thanks



Madeline C.J. Walker
1867-1919 1st black millionaire



Medgar Evers
1929-1963
Civil Rights leader



Rita Dove
1952-1st black
U.S. poet laureate



Kenneth Gibson
1st Black mayor of
Newark



Mae C. Jemison
1956-1st Black
woman in space



David Dinkins
1927-1st Black
mayor of New York
City



W.E.B. DuBois
1868-1903
Civil Rights leader



Rosa Parks
1913-
Civil Rights pioneer



Thurgood Marshall
1898-1993 1st Black
Supreme Court
Justice



Sen. Carol E.
Mosley-Braun
1947-1st Black
woman to be a U.S.
senator



Hon. Elijah
Muhammad
1897-1975
Nation of Islam
leader



Mother Clara Hale
1905-1992
Humanitarian

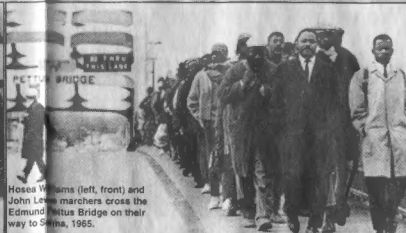
Frederick Douglass
"The Father of Civil Rights"
c.1817-1885



Nelson Mandela
By Robert E. Williams III
Staff Writer



Coretta Scott King stands
with Rev. Billy Graham
next to the grave of
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
(insert)



Hosea Williams (left, front) and
John Lewis marchers cross the
Edmund Pettus Bridge on their
way to Selma, 1965.



Presidents Kweisi Mfume and Bill
Clinton

At the turn of the century, Civil Rights leader W.E.B. DuBois wrote about the "New Negro," the black man and woman who would take on the challenges of the century and change the landscape of human nature and social philosophy. Who knew almost one hundred years later the New Negro would be realized — not just as one man or woman, but many,

breaking barriers in various fields making this turn of the century much more promising to future generations of African Americans. Did DuBois envision a young spiritually destined and innately driven soul and son of a preacher man moving masses by the reverberating sound of his voice? Or an innovative and strong black woman who became the first black millionaire and an inspiration to future black entrepreneurs?



Did DuBois see a black man who fought the highest court in the land and then became a part of it as a Supreme Court Justice? What about that woman who was too tired to give up her seat on the bus to a white man, and sparked a movement that as we lead into the millennium is resurrecting itself. How about the "AACP" secretary who was turned down in front of his own house and family in 1963, in the name of equal opportunity? Did he see another religious

leader challenging conventional black religion by preaching the idea of a higher power who promoted black nationalism? Or a black woman conquering space, literature, or the Senate? Neither this front page nor this issue is large enough to list all the people who in some way was that New Negro, the social landscaper and the appointed soul of black social ascension. To all the New Negroes of DuBois' vision, The City News gives its "Century of Thanks" to you.



Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

ORANGE — The Essex County Clerks Office holds a town hall meeting at Orange City Hall, 8:30 a.m. (973) 621-4921.

NEWARK — The Newark Museum presents a holiday planetarium show entitled "Tis the Season." Call (973) 596-6637 for information.

NEWARK — The New Jersey Historical Society hosts an interactive exhibit on mysteries of historic pioneers. Call (973) 596-8500 for information.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

NEWARK — The Newark Museum hosts an exhibit of the Ballantine House at Christmas time. Call (973) 596-6638 for information.

ORANGE — Nor Kas presents an exciting fashion show entitled "Millennium" at Rouzeau's Manor, 7 p.m. (973) 925-3556.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

BELLEVILLE — Christ Episcopal Church displays the AIDS Memorial Quilt. Call (973) 751-0616 for information.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) offers a training session for new users, 10 a.m. (973) 237-5808.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 30

CRANFORD — Union County College offers a course in effective communications in business. Call (908) 709-7500 for information.

LIVINGSTON — The New Jersey Eating Disorders Helpline hosts a support group meeting for people with anorexia nervosa, bulimia, and compulsive eating problems, 5:30 p.m. 1-(800)-624-2258.

NEWARK — The WISE Women's Center of Essex County College hosts a seminar on ways to improve memory, 5 p.m. (973) 677-3527.

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Board of Education holds a work and study meeting at the Plainfield High School Library, 7 p.m. (908) 753-3183.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

NEW YORK — The Lesbian and Gay Community Service Center commemorates World AIDS Day with The Sounds of Life at The Center, 7 p.m. (212) 650-0000.

The Reported date of November 27 for the National Black Alert Rally for Muma Abu-Jamal has been postponed to December 11, convening in Philadelphia.

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NEWARK — The Greater Newark Conservancy hosts the grand opening of "The Enabling Garden" at J.F.K. School, 10 a.m. (973) 642-4646.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Hyacinth AIDS Foundation hosts a free legal information workshop at the New Jersey Legal Center, 9 a.m. 1-(800)-FREE-LAW.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Center for African Studies at Rutgers University presents speaker Tsitsi Dangariranga discussing African Women at the school's Douglas College Student Center, part of the African Women Lecture Series, 5 p.m. (732) 247-0700.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

NEWARK — The Newark Museum hosts family workshop for the holidays. Call (973) 596-6638 for information.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD — The 16th Annual Holiday Craft Fair returns to First Baptist Church, 9 a.m. (908) 754-2385.

IRVINGTON — People's Organization for Progress (POP) hold a rally for Max Arnone at the Irvington Police Station, 12 p.m. (973) 643-7711.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

NEW BRUNSWICK — Museum of American Hungarian Foundation hosts the 11th Annual Festival of Trees, 2 p.m. (732) 646-5777.

NEWARK — The Newark Museum hosts a holiday family activity, an event entitled "Home For The Holidays." Call (973) 596-6638 for information.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

NEWARK — Essex County College offers last minute holiday shopping at "Christmas Shop" through December 10, 10 a.m. (973) 877-3508.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation hosts a seminar on domestic violence at the New Jersey Law Center, 7 p.m. (732) 937-7518.

NEWARK — 10,000 Mentors hosts its Second Annual Mentors and Mentees Awards Reception at the Hilton Gateway Hotel, 6 p.m. (973) 242-1142.

JERSEY CITY — The Jersey City Museum hosts an art exhibit of images of the Dominican Republic featuring artist Freddy Rodriguez, 5:30 p.m. (201) 547-5524.

PSE&G and United Way uplifts Elizabeth's youth



UNION — Larry Lookhart (right), vice president of campaign at United Way of Union County, accepts PSE&G's corporate contribution of \$300,000 from John Griffith, regional public affairs manager at PSE&G. The PSE&G donation will help United Way of Union County support needed services and programs for children and youth-at-risk in Elizabeth area. PSE&G also supports them by conducting an annual employee-giving campaign that generated a total \$13,986 during the past year.

UCHS students reach the semi's in academic contest



SCOTCH PLAINS — Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains recently recognized Natalie Cox (second left) of East Orange and Natasha Gregory of Irvington as semifinalists in the year 2000 "Achievement Scholarship Competition," an academic competition for Black American high school students. A certificate of commendation from Union Catholic and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation who conducts the competition was presented to the students. Shown here congratulating them are Sister Perlylee Hart (left), RSM principal of UCHS; and Ms. Mary Madini of the UC Guidance Department.

Community leaders look to partner with NJCU



JERSEY CITY — The Black Administrators, Alumni, Faculty, Staff, and Students Organization (BAAFSSO) of New Jersey City University (NJCU) recently hosted a breakfast for community leaders at which ideas about partnerships between the university and various community groups were explored. Among those present were (from left) Rev. Tyrone Chess, Dr. Carlos Hernandez, NJCU president; Reginald Johnson, president of Metuchen/Edison area branch of the NAACP; Adele Douglas, BAAFSO chair; Zinafard Smith, president of the Jersey City Rotary; Willie Flood, vice chair of the Jersey City Board of Education; and Arnold Jeeter, breakfast chair.

Campbell SCORE's business award scholarship recipient



CRANFORD — Terrance Campbell (right), a student at Union County College, was recently awarded \$1,000 from the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), an arm of the Small Business Association. Pictured with Campbell is (from left) Thomas H. Brown, president of Union County College, and Lee Wasserman. SCORE awards scholarships annually to deserving students at two-year and four-year colleges and universities throughout New Jersey. Based in Newark, the organization consists of 38 retired executives or small business owners who lend their expertise to people entering the business world.

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NATIONAL BRIEF

PRESIDENT CLINTON REMEMBERS DAISY BATES

(NPR) — In an official statement, President Bill Clinton read the following statement regarding the death of civil rights legend Daisy Bates on Nov. 4, Hillary and I were very saddened to learn of Daisy Bates' death this morning. She was a dear friend and a heroine. She was known chiefly as a leader during the crisis of Central High School in 1957 and a mentor to the Little Rock Nine. But she was so much more. President Kennedy so admired her for her civil rights work that he hired her to work in his Administration. During her 84 years, she received over 200 awards for her civil rights work, including the NAACP's esteemed Spingarn Award. In 1957, the Associated Press named her one of the Top Nine news personalities in the World. "I am so blessed to have Daisy as a citizen of Arkansas, where she and her husband L.C. published the award winning Arkansas State Press Newspaper. For over 30 years, it was the only African American newspaper in the state. Her death will leave a vacuum in the Civil Rights community, a loss of African pride and our country. Her legacy will live on through the work she did, the friends she made, and the people she touched."

NAACP URGING CONFIRMATION OF MOSELEY-BRAUN AS NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR

(NPR) — NAACP President and CEO Kweil Muhammad has called for a speedy confirmation of Carol Moseley-Braun, former Illinois Senator, to serve as the U.S. Ambassador to New Zealand. "Carol Moseley-Braun served in United States Senate for six years, during which time she personified dignity and intelligence," said Moseley. "She is an outstanding candidate to represent the United States, and I am pleased to see that Senator Helms and others have agreed to hold a hearing on the nomination." Moseley-Braun was the first and only African-American woman to serve in the Senate. She was a member of the International Trade Subcommittee of the Finance Committee.

CHILD PROSTITUTION IS ON THE RISE IN THE CONGO

POINTE-NOIRE (IPS) — Child prostitution is on the rise in Pointe-Noire, the Republic of Congo's main port and economic capital, causing concern for municipal officials. "We're aware of this problem, which has picked up speed over the past two years after many displaced persons arrived here from neighboring areas. We are currently putting the finishing touches on a plan to combat it," said Luc François Makoumbe, mayor of Pointe-Noire. The population increase of 500,000 to one million has been bolstered by massive migration from war-torn neighboring zones, the mayor of operations of the continuing war between militia-men loyal to deposed President Pascal Lissouba and government forces. Most of the children are orphaned or abandoned young boys between the ages of seven and 15, who sell their bodies to pedophiles as a means of survival. Without tough laws, observers fear the phenomenon could spill over into the big cities and affect youth who do not have the means to protect themselves against sexually-transmitted diseases like AIDS.

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President's report on race relations languishing

By Sonya Ross

WASHINGTON (AP) — After more than a year, President Clinton has yet to deliver his promised report on the status of race relations in America, and one of the authors of a working draft cites possible White House concerns that some proposals are too strongly worded.

The report has circulated at the White House in draft form since the spring, when the authors delivered it to Clinton. The president planned to spend the summer putting the report in his own voice, as one aide said, and release it in September. Instead, the 200-page draft languished for months and now is undergoing an extensive rewrite. The White House no longer tries to estimate when it will be completed.

The White House staff is redubbing its efforts to help the president finish this project, said Maria Echaveste, the deputy chief of staff. "Ultimately, it has to be the president's words and the president's vision, but everyone is committed to getting it done."

The report, written by Harvard University law professor Christopher Edley and Clinton speechwriter Terry Edmonds, was built around information compiled by Clinton's race advisory board during the one-year national dialogue on race. The race board completed its work in September 1998. The board said Clinton should continue the dialogue on race through a permanent presidential council. It also called for a "multimedia" campaign to teach Americans how they developed their beliefs about race and institutionalized them through the notion of "white privilege."

Edley, who wrote Clinton's "mend-it-don't-end-it" defense of affirmative action, said he believes the draft was bogged down by "strong disagreements at the staff level concerning tone and certain policies." He said it also is possible that Clinton simply did



President's Clinton (right) talking with his Race Initiative Panel

not like it. Edley also said the issue "requires his sustained attention and it may have been unrealistic to think he could have done it while in office."

Neither Edley nor Echaveste would discuss the contents of the report. Edmonds did not return phone calls. Two other White House officials familiar with the report, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a proposal in the draft that dealt with racial profiling typified the philosophical disputes that have hampered the project. The draft suggested that Clinton issue an order barring all federal law enforcement agencies from engaging in racial profiling. But some aides felt such an action was too strong and too broad.

The president decided to let the racial profiling proposal from the draft and take action on it after issuing his race report, the officials said, in order to respond to national outcry over the deaths of young blacks in police shootings in New York, Pittsburgh and Riverside, Calif. But rather than issue the ban, Clinton instructed the Treasury, Justice and Interior departments to develop a plan to collect data on the race, gender and ethnicity of people in the agency's officers stop to question

or arrest. Clinton has embraced another idea from the draft, originally suggested by his advisory board: finding a way to create an index to measure discrimination.

The president's fiscal 2000 budget proposal contained \$10 million for researchers to study anecdotal reports of racism. They then could be converted into a set of facts that can help calculate how racism affects people when they seek jobs, housing, insurance, medical care or other services. Edmonds and Edley handed over a first draft to Clinton in April. Clinton said at that time that he wanted to work on it while vacationing in Florida over the Memorial Day weekend. But little was done with the report until late July, when other aides began incorporating information from Clinton's poverty tour earlier that month.

The president expressed a desire to do more work on the draft in August, during his vacation in New York and Martha's Vineyard, Mass. Instead, Clinton spent much of that time attending fund-raisers and making appearances with first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who is contemplating U.S. Senate bid from New York.

Black America's economics are on the mend but problems persist

By Paul Shepard

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new report shows that a booming economy has benefited African-Americans, but in key sectors — including education, attainment, access to health care and incarceration rates — blacks continue to lag behind whites.

"The State of Black America 1999," published annually by the National Urban League, was made public last week. The 247-page report presents statistics, charts and essays on employment and wage gaps, health disparities and education.

"Our path of progression is clear and it's good news that the pace is quickening thanks to the strong economy. But income gaps still persist and our children still trail academically," said the league's president, Hugh B. Price.

Price said the black community must continue to take responsibility for improving its condition, but vestiges of discrimination in areas such as bank lending patterns and public school spending play an even larger role.

"Institutional racism is embedded in the way we staff the schools. Suburban schools aren't filled with unqualified teachers," Price said. "You find more in the heart of the inner-city. Look at the physical conditions of schools. Where are the computers?"

Studies pointing to a decrease in black out-of-wedlock births and a rise in black high school completion rates show how the community has taken a more active role in improving its future. While academic graphs and charts can help guide researchers, they mean little to William

Burts, an African American native of the District of Columbia who has sold incense oils and jewelry for 19 years at a bustling corner in downtown Washington. To Burts and other African Americans questioned, the rosy economic news on the grand scale masks some dilemmas.

"We may be able to get a job but we need to work two or three of them to make ends meet," Burts said.

Janet Mason, an African American secretary at a law firm, said while the economic picture of black America is upbeat, she worries that when the economy tightens and inflation edges upward and jobs become less plentiful, the pain will be sharpest for blacks.

"I think its going to be the old 'last hired, first fired' problem," Mason said. "Companies might be bringing us into some good paying jobs now but will we keep them when times get tough?"

Some information in the report suggests that shifts in behavior within the black community could lead to greater economic gains.

For example, research shows blacks are less likely to be married than whites. Some researchers therefore contend that individual lifestyle is an economic drag. The numbers back that contention, according to the report. In 1997, black families had a median income of \$28,602 while white family income was \$46,745. But the gap narrowed sharply for married households. Income for black married couples was \$45,375 while white married couples median income was \$52,098.

Jackson vows to keep fighting for students

By Kate N. Grossman

CHICAGO (AP) — With the six expelled Decatur high school students at his side, Rev. James Meeks told a roomful of supporters Saturday that the coalition wasn't backing down in its fight to get the boys back in school.

Rainbow-PUSH officials said they expect more than 5,000 people at a third march in Decatur, including 200 NAACP members, Congressman Bobby Rush, D-Chicago, and the Chicago Urban League. The six students were expelled for two years after allegedly taking part in a brawl at a football game between two Decatur high schools. A seventh student, who stood beside his classmates at the PUSH force, withdrew from school during expulsion hearings.

Because four of the students are facing criminal charges stemming from the incident, the group, now dubbed "The Decatur Seven," declined to talk to reporters on advice of their attorney. Jackson did not attend because he was in the Dominican Republic visiting hurricane victims and celebrating Chicago Cubs star Sammy Sosa's birthday. But in a phone interview with The Associated Press, Jackson said he hopes the school board will resolve the issue soon and accept a plan by the state school superintendent to allow the students to attend alternative school.

Last Week, the school board agreed to allow the students to attend alternative programs and end the expulsions after this school year. But Jackson and state Superintendent Glenn "Mac" McGee want the board to consider taking the students back in January. Decatur schools superintendent Kenneth Arndt said he told McGee that the board needed a break and a cooling off period.



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DAISY BATES

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
Millstone, in Somerset County, as other towns, suffered only damage from Hurricane Floyd. It's regretful the town chose to punish Lorraine Zeb for efforts to rescue, comfort and reunite nearly 100 pets with their owners during Hurricane Floyd. The town gave her a summons for violating zoning laws and compromising the integrity of the community.

But the Planning/Zoning Board's reasons for issuing this summons are ridiculous. All the emergency vehicles that were along with the numerous human volunteers assisting renters and property owners, were violating zoning rules and neighborhood integrity.

An investment that keeps on paying off

By John William Templeton

Any venture capitalist would be angry with an investment that doubles every year, particularly when only one-in-ten venture deals actually turn a profit. It is hard to explain the reluctance of some of America's most cutting edge companies to invest in supplying the workforce of the future.

Dr. George Campbell Jr. runs the National Academy Council for Minorities in Engineering. This non-profit organization's return on investment puts most high tech startups to shame. While high tech CEOs regularly tell Congress that American schools are too bad to produce trained workers, NACME engineers are in a profession that does its own assessment of the schools. Before their senior year in high school, NACME throws out their standardized test scores and does its own assessment of the schools' motivation, creativity and aptitude. Then, they are given after-school preparation and a guaranteed scholarship to engineering school along with mentoring and internships.

"We have a student in our Engineering Vanguard program who had a 780 total score on the SAT. Dr. Campbell told a recent gathering in Cupertino, the heart of Silicon Valley. "No engineering school in the country would accept a student with a 780 total score (out of 1600 total points), but Rice University took our recommendation. He's graduating this December with a 3.95 average."

At NACME's 35th anniversary forum in Orlando, one of the most powerful speakers was a young man who was homesick when NACME encountered him. Now he owns his own technology company. "And he's got three other NACME scholars working with him," said Dr. Campbell.

In the 25 years since the National Academy of Engineering

M. Zeb has been trying to establish an animal rescue facility. Interestingly, she has a small tract of land in Millstone with the potential of being a very fine rescue facility, a possibility that should not set too well with some of her neighbors, one being a member of the Plainfield/Zoning Board. The success of their summons would be a major step in stopping her plans, a step that has the potential of being a major step in stopping her plans, a step that has the potential of being a major step in stopping her plans.

Sincerely,
Robert Chanda

Daisy Bates remembered as a civil rights worker, friend and mentor

By Sarah Davidson

When I first heard that Daisy Bates had died on Thursday, Nov. 4 at the age of 84, I was sad because I lost an inspirational influence.

She was the Supreme Mother to us all. I am thankful to her for her leadership in Little Rock, L.C., who died in 1980, for believing in my determination and spirit as the teenage president of the North Little Rock, Arkansas NAACP Youth Council. During one of my last visits to see her in Arkansas before she became too ill to remain at home, she said, "I wish L.C. was alive to see you now."

Under the Bates' leadership, the Youth Council confronted racial injustices and lawsuits to force the integration of movie theaters and restaurants in Arkansas. Based on the Bates' recommendation, I was fortunate to receive the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights, which I used to attend Howard University in Washington, D.C. Though she was a very dear and personal friend, I always called her "Mrs. Bates."

I remember when she made it clear to Governor Orval Faubus in 1957 that only her personal friends called her "Daisy." Everyone else called her "Mrs. Bates." During that time, whites frequently referred to her by her first names as a way of demeaning their status. Her statement to the white governor made news because that kind of "assess" behavior from a black person was unheard of in the South. When I visited my parents in Arkansas, I always stopped by the Bates' home in Little Rock. I found it amazing that she still occupied the house that she lived in during 1957. It was the same house that had its windows broken by rocks and gunshots when she started fighting the ugliness of racism.

Though a child, I remember when the Bates' home was out of business because they openly exposed injustices through their newspaper, the Arkansas State Press. Mrs. Bates was hung in effigy in towns throughout Arkansas.

The walls of her home are neatly covered with newspaper articles, artifacts and plaques

honoring her work with the nine black students who integrated Central High in 1957. There are autographed pictures with John and Robert Kennedy. There are photos of civil rights icons Roy Wilkins, Wiley Branton and Martin Luther King Jr. I was surprised when I saw my brother, Ernest Davidson's work, a plaque of the sculptured face of Mrs. Bates, among her treasured collection. Though in frail health and confined to a wheelchair after a massive stroke in 1965, she always looked majestic and dignified.

"If you hate, make it count for something. Hate the discrimination that eats away at the soul of every Black man and woman"

From the book "The Long Shadow of Little Rock"

When I read her book, "The Long Shadow of Little Rock," I was moved by her father's profound message to her. Mrs. Bates was filled with hatred as a child because her mother was raped and murdered by white men in a small Arkansas town. She later embraced the words of her dying father who told her, "If you hate, make it count for something. Hate the discrimination that eats away at the soul of every black man and woman."

On one visit, she and her beloved cat sat and watched the video from the National Federation of Black Women Business Owners (NFBWO) "Black Women in Charge Award" luncheon, where she received the organization's highest honor, "Premier Black Woman of Color Award" on Feb. 10, 1993. She held my hand and said, "I am so proud of you and Mary." Dr. Mary Walker is president of the NFBWO.

In what was mostly likely one of her last public speaking experiences, Mrs. Bates was joined that evening by numerous national figures

including Ernest Green, one of the Little Rock Nine students, and Kernaia Clayton, Assistant Corporate Vice President, Turner Broadcasting.

"I am happy to see Rodney Slater (former Arkansas Highway Commissioner and now Secretary of Transportation) in the audience," she said.

Nodding to Green, she called him a living person of courage. She told how one of the students, Minnie Jean Brown was expelled because she was a white boy over the head with a bowl of chili. She told how all nine students met at her house daily to reap the day's events. They told her how they were kicked and spat upon. She said they were prepared to continue into death.

She said, one student asked her, "What would happen if one of us got hurt or killed?" and Green spoke up saying, "We would go to the funeral and go back to school the next day." She said the kids looked at him and looked at her. She said she told them, "If I got killed, don't stop." Mrs. Bates closed by challenging the audience of over 300 to take up the torch where Ernest Green left off. She said, "I am old, I am 80-years-old, and I am tired."

In 1994, the NFBWO renamed the "Premier Black Woman of Color Award" to the "Premier Black Woman of Courage Award." This NFBWO award is given to an honoree who exemplifies courage over and beyond the call of duty.

Dr. Walker released a press release a few days after Mrs. Bates' death on behalf of the NFBWO. It read, "Daisy Lee Gaston Bates' magnanimous contributions to American history will live on for years when the NFBWO celebrates Black History Month in the nation's capital by awarding the Daisy Bates Premier Black Woman of Courage Award" at its annual February luncheon to a worthy African-American woman.

"To Mrs. Bates, your contributions to America will not be forgotten. You are my hero."

Sarah Davidson is a cofounder and board secretary of the NFBWO.

Hillary faces New York's ethnic political minefield

By Marc Humber

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—A constant in Hillary Rodham Clinton's problem is she prepares for next year's Senate race in New York. She has been the minefield that is ethnic politics in the state. Counting the Jewish vote, she announced earlier this year that Jerusalem should be the undivided capital of Israel and that the American embassy should be moved there.

Clinton also seemed to overemphasize Jewish concerns over her earlier statements indicating Palestinians should have a separate state. Then last week, Mrs. Clinton found herself in hot water for sitting silently by during a visit to the West Bank as Yasser Arafat's wife, Souha, accused Israeli forces of using "poison gas"—which has led to an increase of cancer cases among Palestinian women and children.

In September, the first lady upset some of New York's Puerto Rican leaders when she came out against her husband's offer of clemency to a group of imprisoned Puerto Rican nationalists. And, Mrs. Clinton has come under fire from the Rev. Al Sharpton for, thus far, not having met with him. Sharpton is one of the state's most visible black activists and has twice run for the U.S. Senate.

In addition, when New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, her likely Republican opponent, and next year's Senate race, tried to block city funding for the Brooklyn Museum of Art because its show included a work portraying black Virgin Mary festooned with elephant dung and naked body parts, Mrs. Clinton said the funding should not be cut off.

The mayor quickly said "she agrees with using public funds to attack and bash the Catholic religion." Independent polls have indicated the problem facing the first lady. A Quinnipiac University Polling Institute survey out-

Wednesday had Giuliani leading Mrs. Clinton, 47 percent to 42 percent. In February, the first lady led the mayor, 54 percent to 36 percent. Most telling were the ethnic breakdowns. Giuliani led the two were running even among Jews while Catholic voters favored the mayor, 56 percent to 40 percent. Mrs. Clinton led among blacks, 53 percent to 47 percent.

"The only thing keeping her aloft is the black vote," Maurice Carraway, head of the polling institute, said.

But in 1998, blacks accounted for just 9 percent of the statewide vote. White Catholics made up 37 percent of the vote while Jews accounted for 12 percent. Veteran Democratic pollster Hank Sheinkopf is a firm believer that the suburban Catholic vote is the linchpin to New York's statewide elections, so the place was very good news for Giuliani.

"This is the poll where in statewide elections there are politicians you have to go through," pollster John Zogby said. "You have to visit Little Italy in New York City, you have to visit Larchmont and now you have to visit the Gaza."

While Mrs. Clinton has never lived or worked in New York, Giuliani has run three mayoral elections, winning the last two.

"He's been through the rituals," Zogby noted. But despite her lack of New York roots, Mrs. Clinton has surrounded herself with advisers who should know the land of the land. Her campaign spokesman is Howard Wolfson, who helped Democrat Chris Schumer win a Senate seat from New York last year, prising.

Koch warned that Mrs. Clinton should avoid falling into a trap. "It's only a minefield if you let it be your message to the group that you're courting," he said. "It's not a minefield if you have broad principles that they understand and you can't agree on everything."

Public kinship: A need founded on faith, family and fractured freedom

By Dr. Bobby W. Austin

Public kinship, founded on faith, family and freedom, is the only way "we" will bring wholeness to our fractured lives. We will be to understand that what we think is the fault line in our society is not a fault line. It is instead a backdrop issue that engenders hatred, malice and dissension — so that public kinship can take hold.

Without public kinship we retreat to our suburbs and our inner cities, our homes and apartments. Anywhere we can isolate ourselves from the ravages and symptoms of our disorder. We hide from the violence which is all around us — from a byproduct of a broken society.

To heal this breach, my work at the Village Foundation was called on me to create a program called "Reconciliation Breach." This work calls for external healing with external support, which starts by asking the same questions mentioned above. We, Americans, who have been fighting with gun control, nor solved the problem of how to reorient Hollywood's penchant for violence and gratuitous sex — have before us an urgent need to reexamine our lives. If we can create the appropriate response to what everyone creates or makes for our consumption, we can then use this utility for our benefit — and discard that which demeans and degrades us.

In reality it is up to us. What will foreshadow the 21st Century is culture, not race. Culture will dominate the new century, and all culture we level off America will be important. What will be even more important will be how we go from here to create community, and if we go as reparators of the breach — to proclaim our public kinship and resolving to bring wholeness to fractured lives.

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Dr. Bobby William Austin is president and CEO of the Village Foundation, an organization founded to help develop and support programs that take a systematic, holistic approach toward solving the multi-dimensional problems destroying the future of African-American males.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

NEWARK — The Urban League of Essex County offers of course in buying a home at its Newark office 6 p.m. (973) 746-9438.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation hosts a free seminar on social security at the New Jersey Law Center 7 p.m. 1-(800)-FREE-LAW.

CRANFORD — Union County College offers a course in effective communications in business (CIC) (908) 709-7600 for information.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

PATERSON — Real Estate Forum at City Hall. Local brokers invited to learn of special bank programs, owned property, help dealing with banks, and other assistance offered by economic development officials 9 a.m. Call Wanda Santiago at (973) 759-5890 to reserve space.

ISELIN — The New Jersey Business Industry Administration (NBJIA) hosts a public policy forum at Sheraton at Woodbridge Place 8 a.m. (609) 393-7707.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey Bar Foundation hosts a seminar on financing auto insurance at the New Jersey Legal Center 7 p.m. (732) 449-5000.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey Bar Foundation hosts a seminar on financing long term health care at the New Jersey Legal Center 1 p.m. (732) 449-5000.

UNION — The Union County Economic Development Corporation hosts two workshops on Internet marketing and business operations and Internet security 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. (908) 527-1166.

Small business owners make the grade from college program

TRENTON — Small business owners who participated in the GE Capital Small Business College sponsored by the New Jersey Commerce & Economic Growth Commission and PSE&G recently graduated.

According to Commerce Secretary Gualberto "Gil" Medina, "When she was elected Governor Christie Whitman promised to make New Jersey a better place to work, live and raise a family. Her success in achieving this goal has been greatly advanced by the small business community," said Medina.

"Small businesses are the backbone of New Jersey's economy," added Medina. "These entrepreneurs have gained a greater understanding of the issues that can affect their businesses."

"They learned important concepts for growing their businesses, including financing strategies, marketing and sales, strategic planning and human resource management. This will allow them to live better lives and to be in a position to provide the willing men and women of New Jersey with more jobs and a more enjoyable workplace."

The GE Capital Small Business College is designed to teach small business development and financing strategies and create networking opportunities, among other business techniques, to principals of women and minority-owned businesses operating in New Jersey, particularly those in the state's metropolitan centers.

The eight-week course was held at the PSE&G corporate training facility in Edison and taught by GE Capital professionals and outside business consultants with a broad range of business expertise.

The importance of small business to New Jersey's economy can never be overstated, according to Carl L. Smith, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the New Jersey Commerce & Economic Growth Commission, and the keynote graduation day speaker.

"New Jersey's roaring economy is built upon a foundation comprised of many thousands of small businesses," said Smith. Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer of the New Jersey Commerce & Economic Growth Commission, and the keynote graduation day speaker.

economic development policies."

The GE Capital Small Business College is operated by GE Capital Small Business Finance (SBF), one of the largest small business lenders in the United States. GE Capital Small Business Finance makes loans for the purchase of real estate, equipment, or for working capital. GE Capital SBF is a unit of GE Capital, a globe diversified financial services subsidiary of the General Electric Company.

The New Jersey Commerce & Economic Growth Commission provides a host of services to the state's small businesses, with special programs for those owned by women and minorities. Through its Office of Small Business, the commission manages New Jersey's set aside programs for government contracting industry contracts, certifying businesses as eligible for the programs to help small, women and minority owned businesses.

Moreover, the Office of Small Business teaches owners how the certification program works and how to meet the state's pre-qualification requirements, while offering instruction about bonding and other requirements.

Inner-city residents shop online, sometimes more often than average

By Rachel Beck

NEW YORK (AP) — Few Internet merchants cater to inner-city shoppers to their Web sites, and that means most e-retailers are missing out on a huge market because many inner-city residents live in these economically depressed neighborhoods are eager to buy online.

A new study released shows inner-city residents with access to computers and the Internet use the Web as often, and sometimes more frequently, than the general U.S. population. The Internet is an easy way for these shoppers to get goods and services they can't find in their own neighborhoods, which generally aren't served by more traditional stores.

The study of 1,159 inner-city households was done by mail last fall, and the results were compared with a national survey of 1,159 households. The study targets urban areas where the residents have a median household income of at least 25 percent less than the city average.

At least 50 percent of the study's inner-city residents are at least 25 percent less than the city average, and/or unemployment of at least 30 percent above the city average. As a result, many inner-city shoppers turn to catalogs. They buy on average more computer software and hardware, cookware, furniture, toys and books through catalogs than the general U.S. population, according to ICIC. Given that, it is no wonder they find the Internet attractive.

The study found 80 percent of inner-city shoppers have a personal computer at home, compared with 60 percent in the general population. Twenty-four percent have access to the Internet at home, work or school, compared with 41 percent of all U.S. shoppers.

Analysts expect Internet use in urban America to rise sharply as computer prices continue to drop. Already, there are PCs selling for less than \$500.

\$533 billion in black buying 'weakness'

James Kling-

As we brag about all the money we earn each year, we must also take into account how much we spend.

Some have called it Black buying power, myself included. It would be more appropriately referred to as Black buying weakness. We spend far too much of our hard earned money with businesses other than our own. Our weakness for spending money so frivolously and without reciprocity in the marketplace is exemplified by the glaring statistic published by the Selig Center in Atlanta.

The Center's research indicates that Black people will have generated \$533 billion by the end of 1999. The very vital statistic is that we spend approximately seven percent of that \$533 billion with Black owned businesses. To further amplify our economic position we need only look at how many individuals and companies have been made tremendously wealthy through the purchasing habits of Black consumers, clothing makers especially, have made boatloads of money from us, as well as the "middlemen" in the Black hair care industry. Thus, I begin to refer to our buying "power" as buying "weakness."

In light of our buying weakness it is reasonable to suggest that we must practice economic principles that redirect and slow down Black spending. To do that, we must be afraid or reluctant to make economic sacrifices for our own people. We must encourage Black consumers to THINK about their expenditures, to ask the questions: Who is getting my money? What are they doing with it? Are my people receiving any benefit from it? Do those with whom I do business respect me?

Of course we must hold our own businesses accountable for the standard of service they provide. Just as we have choices among general market businesses, we also have choices among Black owned businesses, and we should exercise those choices. The billions we spend each year will continue to be dispersed and taken for granted if we do not exercise informed choices in our purchasing habits.

So, why are we so weak when it comes to spending our money? Historically we have been programmed to believe that if we possess certain items we have "made it." We have been taught to believe that owning something with someone's name or even someone's number on it is valuable and will increase our self-esteem. We

have even been programmed to believe the ridiculous notion that the more we pay for an item the more status we receive. As Sharazad Ali says,

"Black people brag about how much we pay for things, and White people brag about how little they pay." The sad thing about that statement is that it is absolutely true whether we want to admit it or not.

That's why we should start calling our \$533 billion "buying weakness" rather than "buying power." Power suggests the ability to effect change either positively or negatively. Well, we have caused a great change in the wealth of others (positive), but we have not increased the wealth of our own people with our own money (negative). So, others can and should refer to it as "power" because of what it has done for them. But, when it comes to what our money has done for us, we must refer to it as "weakness."

How do we change this scenario? We must redirect our spending away from everyone else and more toward ourselves. Buy Black manufactured, Black distributed, and Black retail products. Use Black service providers to meet your needs. Refer potential business to Black entrepreneurs. Form alliances and partnerships among Black businesses to go after larger pieces of business. Spend dollars with Black owned media. Be willing to give up a little "convenience" to support a Black business.

I think most—if not all—Black people recognize our economic state of emergency. One of the big problems is that too few of us are willing to make the changes necessary to maintain the wealth that we create each year. Some of us are walking, and too many of us are just talking. Some of us are serving, and many of us are swerving (ducking and dodging—trying to stay out of the line of fire). Some of us are leading, and many of us are pleading (begging for someone else to come to our rescue). Some of us have focus, and some of us are bogus.

Some of us are working, and some are lurking (in the shadows afraid to come out and be seen). Please make a commitment to do your part to change our economic situation in this country. Please commit to less creation of wealth for others and more for Black people. Until we change our purchasing habits, we will always have tremendous buying weakness rather than buying power.

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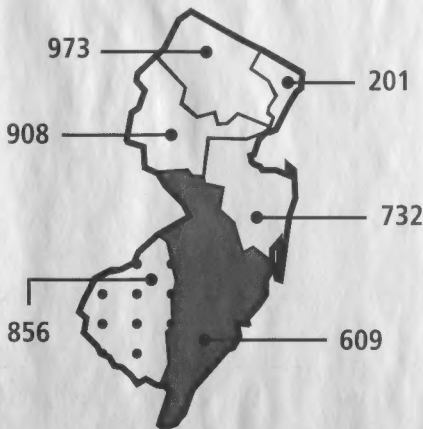
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Local Briefs

Openings remain in maternal support program for teens at county Vo-Tech

SCOTCH PLAINS — Teen mothers can now enroll in a program at the Union County Vocational-Technical School that completely addresses their needs. According to Patrick Kneib, director of admissions and curriculum at the school, the Maternal Support Program affords the teens an opportunity to complete their high school education and also gain a marketable skill. This will ultimately lead them to employability and self-sufficiency. The Union County Vocational-Technical School presently offers a variety of 24 training options. Mauro points out. The availability of support services to the Ms. Program, he adds, includes transportation and a full-time, on-site childcare center. Group and individual counseling as well as parenting education are also offered. Pregnant or parenting teens or anyone knowing of a student who could benefit from the Maternal Support Program should call the UCVTS Admissions Office at (908) 889-2999 or (908) 889-2949.

MSU has 'TRUST' in the future

UPPER MONTCLAIR, NJ — Montclair State University has unveiled a new graduate program to guarantee that highly trained math and science teachers will lead the urban secondary schools of the future. The TRUST Program — Teacher Recruitment for Urban Schools of Tomorrow — is designed for students with an undergraduate degree in biology, chemistry, geoscience, physics or math who are interested in becoming science and math teachers for urban districts such as Newark and Paterson. The program provides funds for tuition and books as well as guaranteed employment. Program applicants must have a bachelor's degree with a 2.5 cumulative GPA, and a 2.5 GPA in their major. Additionally, they must have completed a minimum of 21 credit hours in mathematics. The program also provides an opportunity for their interest in teaching and two letters of recommendation. Program benefits include full tuition, stipend money, for books and materials, intensive preparation in the subject area, unique field-based experiences in social service agencies and urban organizations and employment upon successful completion of the program. Application deadline for the program is Dec. 5. For information call (973) 655-7764.

Newark students primed to become active voters

NEWARK — One hundred thirty nine Newark students turned out to vote in the recent election — all of them under 18 years of age. Through a national pilot program called "Kids Voting," students learn about their responsibilities as a citizen and are thereby encouraged to become active and responsible voters. The initiative was first introduced in seven Newark Public Schools: Broadway, McKinley and Ridge Street Elementary Schools, Gladys Hillside Junior High, Luis Muniz Marin Middle Schools, and Barringer and Technology High Schools.

March of Dimes announces request for grant applications

PINE BROOK — The March of Dimes North Jersey Chapter is currently accepting applications for projects to be considered for 2000 grant funding. The deadline for the receipt of applications is December 15. Each year, the March of Dimes provides more than \$100,000 in chapter community grants to worthwhile North Jersey projects that support the March of Dimes nationwide effort to prevent infant mortality and birth defects. The grants are available for three types of grant programs: 1) Perinatal Prevention Programs, 2) Maternal and Child Health Programs and 3) Grant Programs. For more information on March of Dimes grants and to obtain a brochure or grant application please call (973) 882-0700.

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Activist Salaam Ismail bows out of civil rights movement to work with youth

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

ELIZABETH — The way this life this town works, we're all called upon at some point in time to do something. Some respond to their calling and some don't. Salaam Ismail, 42, an Elizabeth native, community activist, and a voice for the people responded to his calling. And he's been responding for the last 20 years, despite not looking much older than 30.

Chairman of the United Youth Council, Ismail founded the organization in 1983 under the name of the Elizabeth Youth Council. Ismail bid farewell on November 12 to the civil rights arm of the organization to concentrate strictly on the youth.

Ismail's new agenda is to include, engage, promote and uplift today's youth to become tomorrow's leaders.

"We started the organization 14 years ago," said Ismail. "It was a calling for me to get in and it is a calling for me to get out."

Last Friday, many came out to the Wyndham Garden Hotel including longtime college friends, area NAACP branch directors, Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollwage, councilwoman Patricia Perkins-Auguste, and family along with Rev. Al Sharpton, who received the United Youth Council Humanitarian Award at the event in support of Ismail's decision to redirect his humanitarian mission to that of whom he's been more committed or sacrific-



Left: United Youth Council Chairman, Salaam Ismail; Rev. Al Sharpton, Hillel Foundation; Leonard Gilbert, Elizabeth councilwoman Patricia Perkins-Auguste; and Ismail. Right: Ismail and Sharpton at the event.

Continuing, Sharpton turned his attention to the right. "The youth today have the right, 'the right to rage but the wrong direction,'" he said chastising the young hip-hop rappers for not being more active in the movement. "They rap black rage for the benefit of white corporate America."

The highlight of the evening was the announcement of the Academic Achievement recipients who were Assad Abdul-Khalim and Quinton Brown. Both of whom are outstanding football players, respectively, at

Americans and Hispanics more involved in the Republican party. "The Hispanic population has always been involved in the Republican party in some degree of a small majority, versus the African Americans who have always been labeled as Democrats. I am attempting to show them the opportunities. At the same time, membership in Frederick Douglas Republican Family will consist of Democrats as well. If not, I would be cutting myself off from about 90 percent of the African American population. We have to learn to vote as a block and pull together, regardless of the candidate we are voting for."

As a former accountant, Meinga's community activism extends in assisting small businesses, while his primary focus is opportunities, economic development, educational opportunities, and community development, and community ownership. "We're out to safeguard the community with numbers, and that's why the Frederick Douglas Republican Family — emphasis on 'family' — we need to be cutting myself off from about 90 percent of the African American population. We have to learn to vote as a block and pull together, regardless of the candidate we are voting for."

In the area of education, Jersey City schools have been under state rule for the last ten years, and Meinga feels they are trying to provide students with what they need, if they stay in school. "We as parents of the kids going to school

DiFrancesco plan places schools at heart of Plainfield revitalization projects

TRENTON — A bipartisan proposal recently unveiled by Senate President Donald T. DiFrancesco would require towns such as Plainfield to place new school construction at the center of revitalization efforts.

"By requiring new school construction to be part of community development efforts in urban redevelopment communities, we can make an investment in our cities' future and maximize the use of state resources in financing school construction projects," said Senator DiFrancesco, (R-22), adding that he wants the community development school's requirement to be a component of the state's \$6 billion school construction programs which is still being drafted.

DiFrancesco explained that the requirement would have an effect on how billions of taxpayers' dollars are spent to the benefit of children's education and a community's economic future.

"More importantly, the com-

munity development schools' requirement will guarantee that the billions of dollars to be spent on new school construction as part of the court's mandate in the Abbott vs. Burke ruling will be part of a comprehensive effort to revitalize municipalities' downtown districts and neighborhoods," he said. "This is a plan that takes a new approach to using existing funding."

Under the community development schools concept, school districts located in designated urban redevelopment communities under the state's existing Urban Redevelopment Act would be required to submit plans for new school facilities to their local planning boards. If the two agencies agree there is an opportunity to coordinate efforts for a community development project, they would seek approval from the Urban Coordinating Council (UCC). Plainfield is one of 68 community development schools municipalities which are focused on by the proposal.

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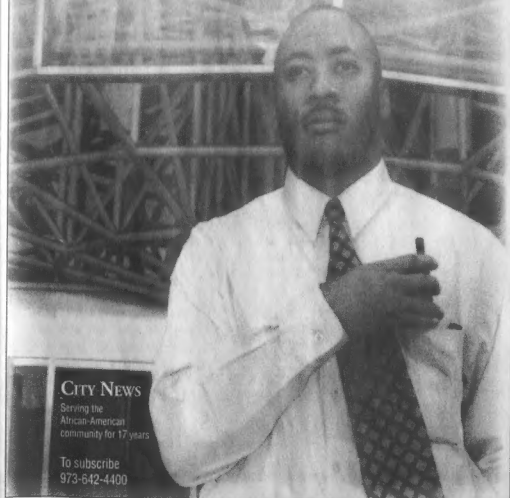
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CITY NEWS

Being a reporter for City News allows me to interact with the people. I think I provide a service by telling stories that people are concerned about. My favorite story was about friends, all of whom grew up together and after years, remain close and support each other.

Jean Pierre
Staff Reporter



Project GRAD provides Newark students with college scholarships

NEWARK — Marion Bolden, District Superintendent of the Newark Public Schools, detailed recently how Project GRAD Newark not only supplies students with college scholarship money, but also an orientation to campus studies prior to the time students begin college.

Project GRAD (Graduation Really Achieves Dreams) Newark is funded by Lucent Technologies Foundation and the Ford Foundation and provides scholarships to Malcolm X Shabazz High School students. The program, which was designed to encourage high school and elementary school students to attain certain academic achievements and to obtain a college education, involved families, educators, community members and corporations in playing an active role in students' education. After achieving specific requirements — taking college preparatory classes,

maintaining a "C" grade point average in core academic subjects, attending two college-based Summer Institute and graduating from high school with their class in four years — participating students are rewarded with a \$6,000 scholarship. The scholarship — \$1,000 a year for the first two years of college and \$2,000 a year for the last two years — may be used in combination with other scholarships and financial aid at any two- or four-year college or university.

The Summer Institute is a two-week program offering courses in biology, humanities and mathematics. The courses are conducted on the campus of Essex County College and are taught by educators from Essex County College, Rutgers University and the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

For more information about Project GRAD Newark (973) 483-GRAD.

CityLife

A Century of Thanks

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

In the black community, the church has been our refuge and foundation which has seen us through. To all the clergy of every religious denomination, we need you to keep our spirit in tact and to remind us of what we need to strive to be—*City News* thanks you.

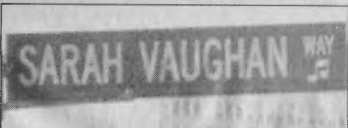
The first black man to vote in the United States, according to the pictorial history book entitled, "Middlesex County: Crossroads of History" was Thomas Mundy Petersen. On March 31, 1870, he cast his vote in Perth Amboy, after the Fifteenth Amendment of the Constitution upheld the right for black men to vote—history made right here in New Jersey. The many faces on this page serve as a celebration of the rich, homegrown roots that were nurtured, sprouted and grew from the Garden State.

Activist, scholar, athlete and actor Paul Robeson, was a man for all seasons. The son of a slave, Robeson is an exemplary example to all who call New Jersey home, a person to be proud of and celebrated. From the "Divine One" Sarah Vaughan to Cissy and Whitney and to the lyrical and spiritual genius of Lauryn Hill, they've shown the world that Jersey has it going on. The unconventional footwork of Savion Glover, we thank you for your natural grow.

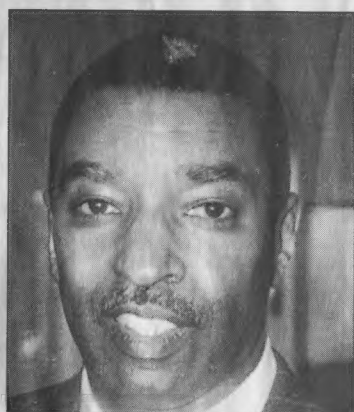
To our politicians, Secretary of State DeForest "Buster" Soaries, Mayor Sharpe James, Mayor Robert Bowser, Mayor Kenneth "Butch" Saunders, Rep. Donald Payne, Assemblyman William Payne, Councilman Corey Booker, Councilwoman Bessie Walker, Councilman Kevin McMillan, Assemblyman Thomas Smith, Councilwoman Mary Patterson, Gayle Chaneyfield Jenkins, Mamie Bridgeforth, Patricia Perkins-Augusta, Florence Thompson, the late Sen. Wynona Lipman and Sen. Shirley Turner, we thank you for your legislative labor, often which goes unnoticed in your efforts to improve the quality of life for the citizens you serve.

Without the activists, who march and protest against all that is unjust, where would the voiceless be? *City News* thanks all of you. It is the Larry Hamm's, Salaam Ismail's, William Frazier's, Delacy Davis', Fredrick Bey's, Amina, Amir and Ras Baraka's, and others who agitate for the good of all mankind.

Education is vital in uplifting our communities. Superintendent Marion Bolden *City News* is proud of what you're doing. We commend programs like Project GREAT, and educators such as, Mary Burch, Rita Owens, and Beverly Rogers for taking on the task of educating the young. Teaching ranks up there as one of the most important and prominent positions one can hold. A true testimony is the countless students, who no matter how old they get never forget those teachers who played a vital role in shaping their lives.



Rev. Reginald Jackson



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Spreading the Word

Our Mothers and Daughters



L-r Gospel singer Cissy Houston with daughter Whitney Houston, who's become one of the most popular singers in the world, as well as an actress.

Educator, businesswoman, and actress Rita Owens along with daughter Dana Owens (a.k.a.) Queen Latifah, rapper, actress, businesswoman, and talk show host.

Arts History



Amir Baraka



Lauryn Hill



Savion Glover



Dionne Warwick

Fighting the good fight for the community



Thomas Mundy Petersen. He was the first black man to vote.



Actor, athlete, scholar, and activist Paul Robeson



Newark Mayor Sharpe James as well as senator



Journalist Connie Woodruff as the voice of the community



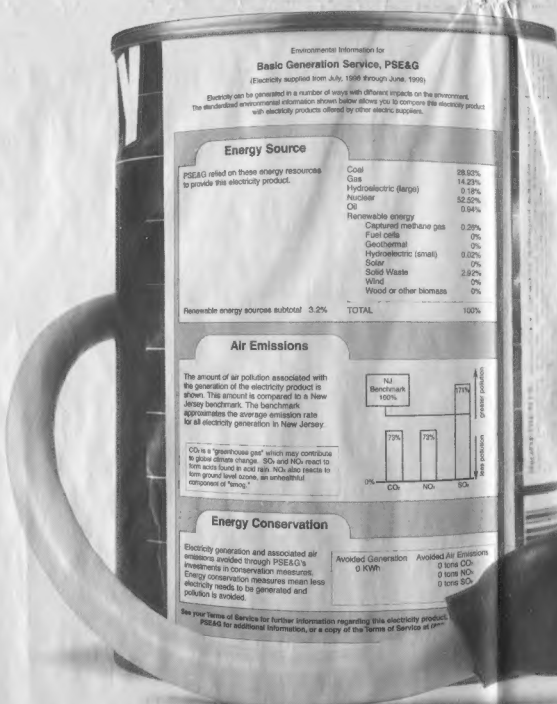
Representative Donald Payne



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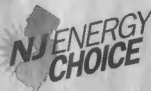
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HeartBeat

Health Calendar

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

JERSEY CITY — Jersey City Medical Center hosts a support group meeting for breast cancer survivors 6 p.m. (201) 915-2273

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital offers a support group meeting for people with manic depression 7:30 p.m. (732) 937-8820

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital hosts a support group meeting for women who are in constant conflict 10 a.m. (732) 937-8820

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital offers a support group for people who are over 10 a.m. (732) 937-8820

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital hosts a support group meeting for women with health and personal goals 7 p.m. (732) 937-8820

EDISON — JFK Medical Center offers a class in grandparenting for new grandparents 7 p.m. (732) 632-1530

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital offers a program in helping students battle stress and anxiety for women's health 6 p.m. (201) 833-3165 for information

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital hosts a support group meeting for people living cancer 11 a.m. (201) 833-3165

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Union County Vocational-Technical School's hosts its annual blood drive 8:30 a.m. (908) 899-2931

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital offers a course in childbirth preparation 7:15 p.m. (732) 937-8820

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EDISON — JFK Medical Center offers a course for parents thinking about adoption 7 p.m. (732) 632-1530

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

BELLE MEAD — The Carr & Cinc hosts a discussion and workshop on adult psychiatric status of highly sensitive boys grown up 1 p.m. (908) 281-1421

PLAINFIELD — Mullenberg Regional Medical Center hosts a support group meeting for people living with cancer at the Jewish Community Center 7 p.m. (908) 666-2247

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital offers a support group for people feeling better for women undergoing cancer treatment 1 p.m. (201) 833-3165

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation hosts a seminar on domestic violence at the New Jersey Law Center 7 p.m. (732) 937-7518

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

JERSEY CITY — Jersey City Medical Center hosts a support group meeting for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients 6 p.m. (201) 915-2200

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation hosts a free seminar on financing long term health care at the New Jersey Law Center 1 p.m. (732) 937-7518

NEW BRUNSWICK — St. Peter's University Hospital hosts a discussion on osteoporosis 6 p.m. (732) 937-6011

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

EDISON — JFK Medical Center offers a course in fatherhood for new fathers 7 p.m. (732) 632-1700

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital offers a course in healthy eating to a better heart 10:30 a.m. (732) 937-8820

Dr. Harold P. Freeman a drum major in the war on breast cancer

DALLAS—Dr. Harold P. Freeman, is President and Chief Executive Officer and Director of Surgery at North General Hospital, New York City. Dr. Freeman has been the recipient of numerous awards, and is highly recognized for his work — a champion in the field of cancer, specifically breast cancer.

His impact in this area of medicine is astounding. Prior to his present position, Dr. Freeman was Director, of the Department of Surgery of Harlem Hospital Center in New York. A graduate of Howard University Medical School in Washington, D.C., Dr. Freeman has been a consultant to the National Cancer Institute. Currently, he is the Chairman of the Eastern Region of the National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer.

On October 4, Dr. Freeman was presented another award: The Betty Ford Award, which among the many 1999 Komen National Awards presented this one is the most prestigious.

"Now in my life, in a way of speaking, two roads that merged in the woods in my life and I believe that took me less traveled by that led me to the village of Harlem and there I learned about life, really," said Dr. Freeman in his acceptance speech. "Because there I faced women who were prevented with very advanced breast cancer. And that experience has led me to do what I have done. So,



Dr. Freeman recently received the highest and most prestigious award given by the Komen Foundation — The Betty Ford Award.

for the last 32 years I've been a surgeon in Harlem trying to understand the best way that I can do the things of breast cancer and other cancers, when they occur, under what circumstances."

Dr. Freeman has been steadfast in his approach to the disease. He is the chief architect of the American Cancer Society's initiative on cancer in the poor, and is a leading authority on the interrelationships between race, poverty and cancer. Related to this, the "Harold P. Freeman Award" was established by the

300,000 Medicare beneficiaries being dropped from their HMO's

FL — On January 1, 2000, more than 300,000 Medicare patients will be dropped from their HMOs, with many required to pay higher premiums, forced to accept reductions in service, or unable to find any alternative managed care in their area.

These are the results of industry announcements made on the heels of the 407,000 that were dropped under similar circumstances at the beginning of 1999 as well.

"This is often a serious blow to the elderly," commented Martin D. Weiss, Ph.D., chairman of Weiss Ratings, Inc., the only provider of safety ratings for most HMOs and Blue Cross Blue Shield plans. "They are left in a quandary and have scant access to reasoned advice, relying primarily on sales people for guidance."

For Medicare beneficiaries who will be losing their coverage at the start of the new year Dr. Weiss offers the following step-by-step advice:

Step 1. Don't move until the end of the year. Stick with your existing HMO until December 31. If you drop out sooner, your withdrawal will be considered "voluntary," and you will immediately lose certain kinds of guaranteed coverage for next year.

Step 2. Start checking into alternatives immediately. To avoid any coverage gaps, you will want to enroll before December 31 in a new policy that will take effect as of January 1. Get a list of HMOs in your area, but make sure it is up to date, including new plans that have recently been approved by Medicare.

Step 3. Approach HMOs with caution. Over 160 of the nation's HMOs are losing money, 14 have already failed and 10 more are high risk of failure. So don't be surprised if many more decide to duck out of this business next year.

Step 4. Don't wait until the last minute to sign up. Assuming you can find an HMO in your area that is stable and offers reasonably priced benefits, be sure to sign up as soon as possible. Remember: Some HMOs have set a limit

on the number of Medicare patients they will accept. The sooner you enroll the better the chances of getting in.

Step 5. Don't be afraid to leave HMOs entirely and shift to traditional Medicare plus a supplemental policy. Provided you don't withdraw until December 31, you are guaranteed eligibility in Medicare supplement insurance ("Medigap") regardless of your health status. Under this guarantee, you can choose among four different Medigap plans — called Plans A, B, C and F. Depending on your health, you may also be eligible for six other Medigap plans available. With Medicare and Medigap, it's far less likely you will get dropped again. Plus, you will have more freedom to choose your provider or hospital and will benefit from better access to specialists.

Step 6. Shop around for the least expensive Medigap policy that meets your needs. The cost of Medigap insurance can vary drastically by insurance provider — even for identical plans offered in the same benefits in the same location. For example, a 70-year-old female in Columbus, Ohio could pay \$2,020 for Plan F from United American Insurance Company, but only \$1,007 if she agreed up with American Family Mutual Insurance Company.

Step 7. Beware of future Medigap premium increases. Before you sign on the bottom line, find out if your insurance company will automatically raise your Medigap premiums as you get older. If it does, that may help explain why it's cheaper up front.

To help you shop for the least expensive and most financially stable Medigap policies, Weiss offers the Health Insurance Report for Seniors. The Weiss report then provides you a customized listing of the actual premium rates that are available to you for each of the 10 Medigap plans, by insurers in your area. For information call 1-800-259-9222.

Loss of Eyesight from Diabetes is a national health problem

JACKSON, NJ — Loss of eyesight in people with diabetes is a national health problem, and one local organization, Rummel Eye Care is doing something about it.

"We are urging all people with diabetes to get a dilated eye exam at least once a year," said Dr. Errol Rummel, Chief Director of Rummel Eye Care. "The facts are these: Diabetic eye disease can cause as many as 25,000 new cases of blindness every year. People with diabetes are 25 times more likely to become blind than those without diabetes. Yet the only way to diagnose early signs of diabetic eye disease is through yearly dilated eye exam."

November is National Diabetes Month, and Rummel Eye Care, along with the National Eye Institute (NEI) and 39 other organizations, are emphasizing the importance of maintaining healthy vision.

"One of the most frightening things about diabetic eye disease is that there are no early warning signs and no symptoms," said Dr. Carl Kupfer, director of the National Eye Institute, one of the Federal Government's National Institutes of Health. "People with diabetic eye disease do not realize that their eyesight is slowly deteriorating. And because there are no symptoms and vision seems to be normal."

"People with diabetes might not make a health priority to visit an eye care professional."

Dr. Rummel said postponing annual dilated eye exams

could lead to trouble later on, when diabetes begins to affect a person's eyesight.

"Eyesight lost from diabetes cannot be restored," said Dr. Raghu Chandra, Director of Rummel Eye Care. "Yet in about 50 percent of those who would otherwise have been blind, the care detection of diabetic eye disease through annual dilated eye exams, as well as laser surgery when needed, has helped preserve vision."

Dr. Raghu said nearly half of the nation's estimated 16 million people with diabetes will develop some degree of diabetic retinopathy, the most common form of diabetic eye disease. Diabetic retinopathy damages the tiny blood vessel in the retina, the light-sensitive tissue that lines the back of the eye. Other eye problems that can develop in people with diabetes include cataract and glaucoma.

Dr. Kupfer said that "the longer a person has diabetes, the more likely it is that person will develop diabetic retinopathy. However, studies have shown that people with diabetes who keep their blood sugar levels as normal as possible slow the onset and progression of diabetic retinopathy and lessen the need for laser surgery. This may also help reduce other complications from the disease, such as kidney disease, stroke and nerve damage."

A free brochure, "Don't Lose Sight of Diabetic Eye Dis-

ease," is available by writing to Diabetic Eye Disease, 2020 Vision Place, Bethesda MD 20892-3665.

Dr. Raghu Chandra, Director of Rummel Eye Care, is a board-certified ophthalmologist and a diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology. He is also a diplomate of the American Board of Medical Specialties. Dr. Chandra is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, and the American Society of Retina Specialists.

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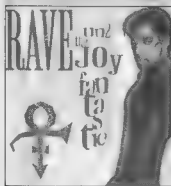
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Artz Wednesday

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Music Reviews



Raekwon, *The Joy Fantastic* (Arista Records)

The Artist's latest major label effort does not bring memories of his greatest songs, like that parade of hits he released through Purple Rain and the Batman soundtrack days.

Yet the Artist does not disappoint his audience in his latest sound. Exploring the best of the decade, "The Greatest Romance Ever Sold" blends a bassy, groovy, hip-hop with midwestern music. Other standouts on the album is the slow jam, "I Love U, But I Don't Trust U Anymore," and "Everyday is a New Day."



Yolanda Adams, *Mountain High Valley* (Elektra Records)

Yolanda Adams delivers another strong effort with this new album. Her sound ranges from a pop tune "Time To Change," to a Whitney Houston-esque "The Things We Do."

Many of the standout tracks include "That Name," in which Adams shines as a vocalist, as well as "I'm Not That Sound Like a Cowboy." For those with a more modern taste, listeners will like the uptempo ballad, "Savvy Tune," "Time To Change."

Other standouts include "Wherever You Are" and "Continental Prayer."



Ke\$ha, *Keep It Real* (RCA Records)

RCA has added another talented act to its roster. Ke\$ha is not a diva in the making, but certainly has a sound of a young developed singer akin to SWV with a more deeper sound.

"Somebody's Baby" has a heavy sound that brings back the memories of "Are You That Somebody" by Aaliyah, which gained attention with its track. Like that album, will do the same. Other standouts include "Just Be Mine" and "Ain't No Way."

To Aspiring Poets

The City News Artz Wednesday section is seeking unpublished poets to submit their work for exposure in a upcoming section featuring new artists.

Natalie Cole to give 'Unforgettable' concert at NJPAC

Grammy award winning vocalist Natalie Cole will appear at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center Saturday, November 27, for one performance only in the Prudential Hall.

Best known for carrying on her father Nat King Cole's legend, Cole will perform a collage of her well known hits, stretching from her 1975 debut "Unforgettable" to her last album "Snowfall On the Sahara."

Cole first came an international sensation 24 years ago, when her debut album went gold earning her two Grammy Awards, including Best New Artist of the Year. In 1977, she released "Unforgettable" and "Thankful," which earned her platinum status. Adding to that she released "I Love You So Much" which also reached gold.

Those albums included two of her biggest hits, "I've Got Love on My Mind" and "Our Love." During the 1980s she managed to collect another Grammy Award and three more nominations. Her single, "Jump Start" or "Everlasting" album was a Top 25 hit and her 1989 album "Good To Be Back" earned her two more chart-topping singles, "Miss You Like Crazy" and "Wild Women Do."

She came back with another, "Pink Cadillac" in 1991.

Cole has amassed 21 albums over her 25-year career, in which she remastered some very legendary songs. Many will not forget her multi-platinum duet with her father, "Unforgettable With Love" using tracks from the original recording and adding her own vocals to the track. That release sold over 11 million copies, pushing her total



Natalie Cole

album sales well over the 30 million mark, was awarded seven Grammys and remains one of the most honored recordings of the decade.

On her latest album, "Snowfall On the Sahara," Cole has crafted a lively, provocative array of pop and R&B tunes. Cole's other albums this decade include "Take A Look"

which went gold and earned her Grammy for Best Vocal Performance, and the 1994 release "Holly And Ivy," an jazz inspired Christmas album, and "Stardust," which includes originally recorded singles from her father, Sarah Vaughan, Dinah Washington and other classic vocalists. The singer has also amassed

an acting resume as well, including appearances on the NBC television series, "I'll Fly Away." She also appeared in the USA Network in Lily in Winter opposite Laurence Fishburne and HBO's Always Outnumbered and for Showtime in the recent "Freaky City."

For ticket information, call 1-888-GO-NJPAC

In Your Ear

By Robert E. Williams III

If Clive Davis leaves, Arista will grieve

Among the new things the new millennium will bring, various publications have a new CEO taking rank at Arista Records.

Many reports last week claimed that Arista Records CEO Clive Davis was thinking about stepping down from his position to join the higher ranks of music company industry giant BMG. If Davis left, reports said LaFace Records president L.A. Reid would take his place.

Finally, the media has come up with a scarier situation other than the Y2K computer bug that will afflict many at the beginning of the new millennium.

The frightening thought about this change is not the leaving of Davis Davis who started Arista, and has done so much even if he leaves, his imprint will still be there. Arista currently has some of the biggest new acts in the music industry, including Whitney Houston, Deborah Cox, Annie Lennox, Aretha Franklin, The Grateful Dead, Monica, Naughty By Nature, Q-Tip, Run-DMC, Santana, and The Artist Formerly Known as Prince, as well as the famous imprints, LaFace Records, home to TLC, Toni Braxton, Outkast, Donell Jones, and Bad Boy Records, home of Faith Evans, 112. Total, other recordings of the late The Notorious B.I.G., and of course Puff Daddy himself. Yet, even with the leave, Davis will not be too far from his present position, since BMG owns Arista. So things will remain tranquil for the record company, unless karma plays itself out at a higher level.

Enter L.A. Reid. Reid is a mastermind behind LaFace Records. The more business minded-half of the hit songwriting duo of Babyface and himself, Reid amassed quite a roster of talent for his label in only a span of ten years that has managed to equal the staying power of his distributor Arista Records and many of its competitors. The success of TLC speaks for itself, as well as the other talent that has sprung from Atlanta for Reid like a Houston millionaire strikes crude oil.

But with the "black gold" Reid has found in Atlanta, the label has had its oil slicks. How many times will VH1 replay the story of how TLC signed a contract with a label and Reid's ex-wife Pebbles' company that allowed for the group to receive a low amount of the revenue made from their album? Or how that contract sent TLC into bankruptcy while Waterfalls was breaking records as the most selling hip-hop album ever? What about the time Toni Braxton followed TLC's lead and filed bankruptcy for herself to get out of a contract that afforded her only 35 cents per album sold?

Even though Davis has denied the reports of his departure, the possibility of Reid running company has a good side and possibly a bad side. The good side could be that Reid could lead Arista to dominate the industry, since it will allow him to run a company that focuses on more than just R&B, hip-hop, and rap genre he has helped to shape. It would also put him in a position that has a good record company executives are in: someone out of the black music department. But if the karma that Reid has had with his company follows him, something scary could develop and have a devastating effect since this company is somewhat bigger.

However, successful people learn from their mistakes, and if Reid has learned from his, then he will learn from the rise in the industry.

MUSIC NOTES

Brandy Rushed to Hospital



Brandy

Singing and acting sensation Brandy was admitted to an unnamed Southern California hospital for dehydration. The 20-year-old was released from the hospital last weekend and will recuperate until after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Brandy, who was currently working on her television "Moesha," also has a single you "You Don't Know." Production for the show will be put on hold until Brandy has recuperated.

Lauryn Hill rules the Billboard Awards

Singer Lauryn Hill alone with Kid Rock collected the most awards this year at the Billboard Music Video Awards held at the Santa Monica Beach Hotel in California earlier this month. Hill won the best clip and new artist clip in the R&B category for her single "Ex-Factor" and was also awarded the best rap/hip-hop clip for "Everything Is Everything" video, which turned the island of Manhattan into a huge record.

Other notables include Hype Williams, who was named director of the year. Williams has done countless videos, including "What It's Gonna Be," the Busta Rhyme summer hit with Janet Jackson.

Jennifer Lopez was nominated for seven categories, but only picked up one in the best pop clip for "If You Had My Love."

It will be a "Mary" Christmas

Diva on the rise is Mary J. Blige. She is too hot this time of the year with the many performances she will be heard and seen this winter season.

As reported in earlier notes Blige will be at least three holiday album compilations, in addition to promoting her latest single, "Deep Inside," which uses Sir Elton John's "Benny and the Jets" sample.

Now, Blige is scheduled to co-host the 1999 Annual Soul Train Christmas Starfest with Brian McKnight, Patti LaBelle, and



Badu

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the grand opening of the remodeled Radio City Music Hall. That show is scheduled to air December 1.

Blige shows that she loves the kids when she will appear on December 13 on Sesame Street. Blige will also appear on "The Late Show With Dave Letterman" on December 28 to perform her single, "Deep Inside."

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Puff Daddy to co-host VH1 Fashion Awards

Hip-hop mogul Sean "Puffy" Combs will host the VH1 Vogue Fashion Awards with actress Heather Locklear, who is presently on ABC's "Spin City" with Michael J. Fox. The event is scheduled to take place December 5 in New York City.

Photo courtesy of Arista Records

Mary J. Blige. Shemar Moore. Artists who will be featured include Chante Moore, Tamia, The Whispers, Take 6, and Kenny G, as well as others at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium on November 23. The show is scheduled to air between December 9 and 14. Blige will also appear on the NBC prime-time special taped at

A Century of Thanks



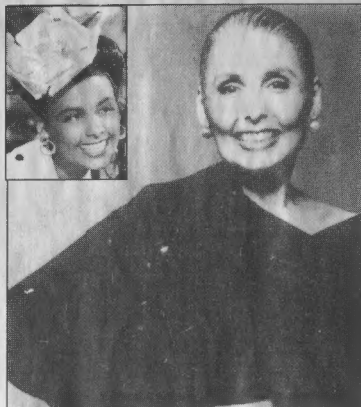
Sammy Davis Jr.



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Lena Horne in 1943 (insert) and today aging gracefully.



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You are hereby notified that the Georgia Department of Human Resources, acting by and through the Lowndes County Department of Family and Children Services, has filed a Motion for Enforcement in the Juvenile Court of Lowndes County, Georgia, alleging that your children are deprived and a hearing temporary custody of said children.

You are summoned to be and appear before the Juvenile Court of Lowndes County for a hearing to be held on 17th day of December, 1999 at 3:00 o'clock p.m. at the Lowndes County Law Enforcement Complex, Jail Courtroom #2, 111 Roswell Road, Marietta, Georgia. Should you fail to appear at the above-mentioned hearing, the Order entered pursuant to the hearing will be made the Final Order of the Court.

You are entitled to counsel in these proceedings. Should you be unable to afford counsel, counsel will be appointed for you.

A copy of the Petition is available at the office of the Clerk of Juvenile Court of Lowndes County at 1000 West Street, Marietta, Georgia.

WITNESS the Honorable O. Wayne Elberts, Judge of Juvenile Court, on this 29 day of October, 1999.

Clerk of Juvenile Court
Lowndes County, Georgia

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PLAINFIELD

510 East Front Street
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - LEGAL COUNSEL

December 8, 1999

Request for Proposals for Legal Counsel for a one year period

The Housing Authority of Plainfield requests proposals for attorneys to serve as legal counsel to the Authority for the programs outlined in the Request for Proposals for a twelve (12) month period. Proposals should address the following qualification factors, which shall be used to evaluate proposals and include the proposal form:

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Carolyn A. Reese
Executive Director

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PUBLIC NOTICE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PASSAIC

RE-OPENING OF THE PUBLIC HOUSING WAITING LIST

Pursuant to resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Passaic, effective November 22, 1999 at 8:30 a.m., applications will be accepted for 30 days for the Family Public Housing Waiting List from families, seniors and persons with disabilities who qualify for two-bedroom apartments or one and two-bedroom wheelchair accessible apartments. Applications are available at the office of the Housing Authority of the City of Passaic at 103 Passaic Street, Passaic, N.J. Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. No applications will be accepted after 4:30 p.m. on December 21, 1999.

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A Century of Thanks

To these sports icons that defied the odds and came out on top

By Jean H. Pierre

It's April 15th 1947 and a young man by the name of Jackie Robinson would change the face of sports and the nation when he became the first black ballplayer to break the color barrier in Major League baseball. But Robinson did more than just break the color barrier, he woke up the world that black people were equal in every shape, way, and form. The same goes for everyone on this page.

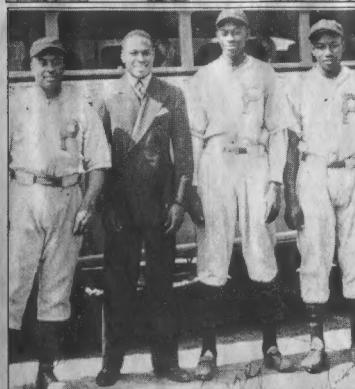
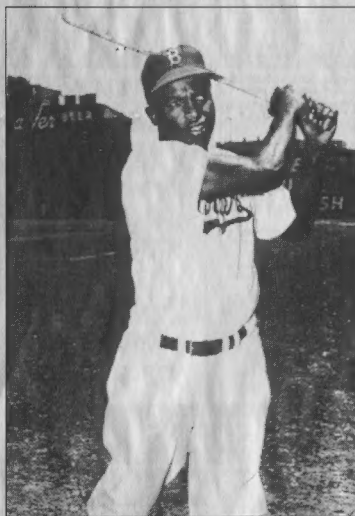
These are not just sports heroes who captured our hearts on the field, but they gave us a reason to believe the impossible was possible. Their perseverance and determination not only showed in competition but on the confrontational battle ground of social issues. From Arthur Ashe's fight to end apartheid in South Africa to Muhammad Ali protesting the Vietnam War, they showed us that we could do other things than just run, hit, and shoot. City News thanks them for setting the stage for people like Ken Griffey Jr., the Williams Siatos, and Tiger Woods and hopefully they will follow in their footsteps of being more than just athletes.



**Arthur Ashe:
Man of Courage and Dignity**

In tennis the first black man to win Wimbledon in 1975

Paving the way



Jackie Robinson (top) broke the barriers athletically and socially when he became the first black ballplayer in 1947 to play in the Major League's with the Brooklyn Dodgers. Robinson's style and grace on the field was attributed to his years playing in the Negro Leagues. The league had a slew of stars like (from left) Oscar Charleston, Satchel Paige and Josh Gibson. Also pictured middle weight boxing champion John Henry Lewis.

"Flo Jo"



Florence Griffith-Joyner had style and flash which resulted in two gold medals in 1988 Olympics in Seoul in the 100 and 200 meters.

Greatest Female Athlete

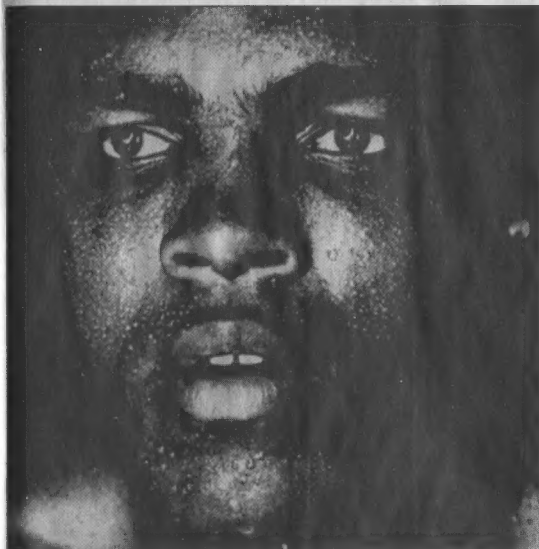


Jackie Joyner Kersee's humble beginnings in E. St. Louis to heptathlon champion-1988, '92, '96.

At the speed of light



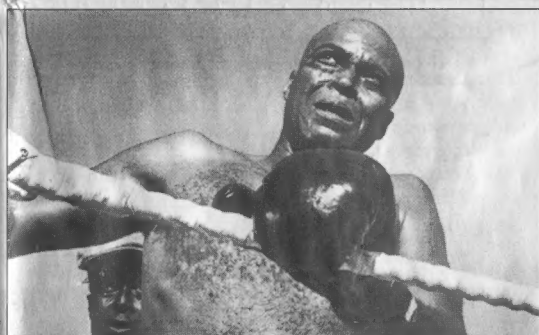
Following the footsteps of Jesse Owens, Michael Johnson was good as gold in the 200 and 400 meter at the '96 Games in Atlanta.



The Greatest Of All Time

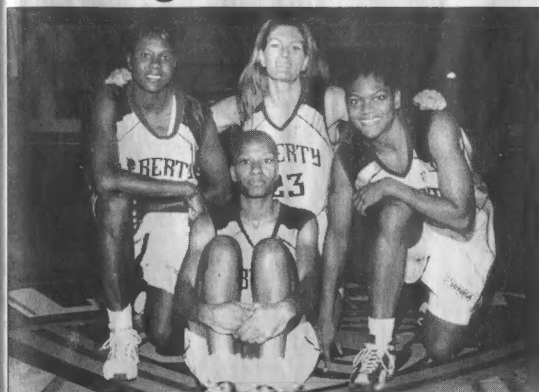
Photo by Gordan Parks

"The Sweet Science"



James Earl Jones' portrayal of Heavyweight Champion Jack Johnson in "The Great White Hope" showcased the life and time of the outspoken, flamboyant boxer and fascinated the public's interest in the sport. Johnson was the first black fighter to win the Heavyweight Championship in 1908.

A League of Their Own



The WNBA (Women's National Basketball Association) began play in 1997. It's been the first successful basketball league for women. The league was created by the popularity of the 1996 Women's Basketball Team that won the gold in the 1996 Atlanta Games. The league features stars like Sheryl Swoopes, Lisa Leslie, Cynthia Cooper, Andrea Stinson, and Rebecca Lobo. The New York Liberty (pictured here) are one of 12 teams in the league. Four teams will be added this year. photo by Pablo Tinio